

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election shows clearly the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses our (American citizens') public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's profitable to them and less of what we need for our democracy. Rather than programing produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that count.

Sinclair's move in this matter makes all parties involved look bad, and hurts the American people.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.